

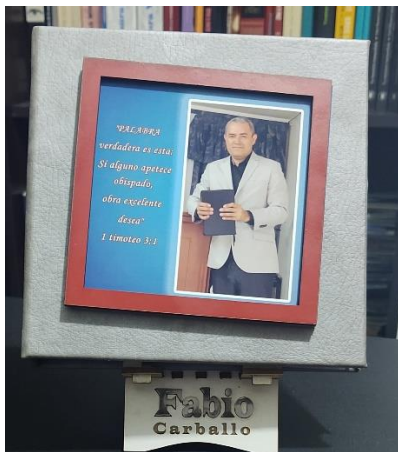
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Beloved brethren:

Thanks be to God for these last months where we have learned to depend on His will.

In February, I suffered a strong pull in my right foot that caused great pain that would basically not allow me to walk. The doctor only recommended pills for the pain and to continue with my normal life. It seems that the nerves in my right leg and my muscles suffered greatly. The multitude of pills also made me feel ill and added to my sadness for being in such a condition. I tried to continue my life in the church and my secular job, but I had to rest for a prolonged period due to the intense pain. The pain raised my arterial blood pressure and resulted in me losing a few kilograms of weight. But with all this, God helped me to continue and not abandon any facet of my work. Even today, about four months afterward, it still bothers me somewhat, but thanks be to God, I have regained my weight and barely feel any pain.

With all this, the Lord Jesus has sustained me, ensuring I could continue in the work by His grace and strength. In February I completed twenty years in the ministry. The brethren of the church in Copacabana and Marinilla performed a special service invite, even inviting me to a meal. Many people attended, and it was a great blessing in my life to see the love of the brethren for this work.



For the month of March, God permitted me to attend an annual Calle 8 Conference in the Iglesia Bíblica Bautista de Hialeah in Miami, Florida. I was able to share the Word of God and we also went out to preach in the streets to the great multitude of Hispanics that participate in this event. It was blessing to my life and for the church to be able to share His Word.



The youth group at the church in Copacabana has grown in its attendance of Sunday services. As a result, we have had some events with the youth and are hoping in these next days to have a special time with them to affirm their faith. Some of the adolescent ladies are excited to perform special music for the church. One of the new youths, named Joan Steven, received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour at the end of March.



In April, the sisters had a special reunion for the women. Various SAMM churches participated (Cali, Copacabana, Marinilla, Montenegro). It was a special time with much companionship. The guest for the conference was sister Marsha Farley of Shady Acres Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. She heard about the event and wanted to come to visit us. The event was called "The Spectacular Women." It was the first time we did something like this, with women both saved and unsaved in attendance. With participation of about fifty women, it truly was a time of great edification in the faith.



The children's ministry never rests. My wife, sister Diana, and sister Suleimi, have very good ideas to implement. We note that the children speak in public, go out to pass out tracts in the streets, learn about salvation, about geography, about missions, and also learn English. Our Sunday School ministry is a great blessing.



The street preaching ministry continues steadfast. In these last months, we have had some visits, especially with one gentleman named Yimmi. This man received a tract and began to ask questions about the contents of the tract at the church. This last Sunday, June 26, after about two months of attendance, he received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. It is a great joy to go to the streets, pass out tracts, that friends can come to the church, that we can study the Word with them, and that they receive the Lord Jesus. Please, we ask for your prayers for brother Yimmi.





The Lord has permitted me to continue recording the Bible, the 1865 Reina-Valera, in audio. It has not been easy, especially with inconveniences stemming from my work hours and those of the recording engineer. Thanks be to God, in these last two months we were able to advance, arriving at 2 Chronicles 20. I think that in three months we will finish the historical books. Since we have finished the New Testament, all that is left are the poetic books and the prophets. I ask for your prayers for this project.

Speaking on the mission in Barbosa, I can say that various people have come, including a man named Carlos Jaen and another named Reniel Jiménez. Reniel is a rancher. Carlos is a Venezuelan immigrant, but both are listening to the Gospel of Salvation in the city of Barbosa. The leader in this work is brother Luis Fernando Cortés. He visits the city every Thursday to preach in the streets and on Sundays to perform the services there. These services occur in the house of Mr. Carlos Diaz. We pray that God will allow us to rent a space for this mission in this location.



With regards to the work in Marinilla, Pastor Iván continues steadfast and unmovable. The church had to change its location because the owner asked that the church leave his building. However, the new location is better and more central to the city proper. Attendance is usually around 40 people on Sundays. The pastor has performed three baptisms last month, and continues with the prayer groups in San Vicente and other districts in Marinilla. Thank you for the support in this work so that it can continue steadfast and unmovable.



In Montenegro, a work supported by SAMM, brother John Eduard continues to lead the church. The last visit I had there was in May, and I saw some new people in attendance. The brethren had a special service to celebrate their first year in the new location. Thanks be to God that this church is stable, bringing tranquility to the brethren and resulting in more people attending. As you know, the Iglesia Bíblica Bautista de Montenegro has their own property. Now they are praying to obtain money to perform some necessary changes to the sanctuary.



Finally, I thank God because I am finishing another semester of the Bible Institute. This semester, the challenge was to teach the students from Montenegro, Cali and Copacabana simultaneously. Glory to God that we were able to do this. I think it is important to integrate the students from these different locations so that they get to know one another and we start to think of ourselves as the Bible School that we are in Colombia.

There are always attacks from the Enemy that desire to destroy the work and ensure that good doctrine is not preached. But the blessings are greater. Maybe the most difficult thing in these last months has been my injury, but that did not impede the work of God from continuing. He truly is the Captain of His host, of His Church. Matthew 16:18.

In Christ,

Fabio Carballo.

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